

**GALLATIN LOCAL WATER QUALITY DISTRICT  
MINUTES  
March 1, 2007**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kaaren Jacobson      Bill Hunt  
Steve White          Sherwin Leep  
Tim Ford

**GLWQD EMPLOYEES/STAFF**

Alan English, Manager  
Tammy Crone, Water Quality Specialist  
Tawnya Storm, Administrative Assistant

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED**

Ell Bennett - Excused  
Rich Mickelson - Excused  
Bill Green - Absent  
Kathy Gallagher-Excused

**PUBLIC AND GUESTS**

Tim Roark, Environmental Health

Sherwin called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

**I. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY, 2007 MINUTES**

A correction was noted under Other Business that the words "Legislature" and "Legislation" were reversed in a sentence. The sentence should read "hat Kathy has been reading about the different water bills and has been encouraging the Legislators to understand the scientific ramifications of their decisions.

*Steve made a motion to approve the correction to the February minutes and then accept them as drafted. Kaaren seconded the motion. The motion was passed as follows:*

**ROLL CALL**

Sherwin Leep – For  
Tim Ford – For  
Bill Hunt - For

Kaaren Jacobson - For  
Steve White - For

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**III. STAFF UPDATE**

Alan emailed the March 1, 2007 Staff Update to Board members prior to the meeting. He read through the Staff Update with the Board and summarized the District's activities for the month of February.

**IV. GROUND-WATER MONITORING NETWORK UPDATE**

Alan provided a handout to the Board entitled Gallatin Local Water Quality District Current Ground Water Monitoring Activities, March 1, 2007. He noted that the District has established agreements for access to existing monitoring wells at the North 19<sup>th</sup> Street MDOT Rest Area, Summer Ridge Subdivision, Northstar Subdivision, and the Gallatin County Gravel Pit at Four Corners.

Alan also summarized the locations of new monitoring wells that the District has drilled under the RRGL grant, which include wells at the Cherry River Fishing Access, Wheatland Hills Subdivision,

Dry Creek School, Cimarron Subdivision, Altenbrand Park in Manhattan, and the Gallatin County Regional Park. Additional wells that have been approved, but not yet drilled include wells at the corner of Penwell Bridge and Walker Road, Lower Rainbow Subdivision in Four Corners, and property owned by Kevin Haggerty on Patterson Road.

It was also noted that the handout did not include a deep/shallow monitoring well pair within the Bozeman Solvent Site that the district has obtained an agreement on. Water level monitoring probes have been in these wells for some time, and water quality samples were recently collected.

There was a discussion on how the District might obtain access to monitoring wells drilled for subdivision developments. As an example, Alan noted that PC Development agreed at the hearing for Preliminary Plat approval to install monitoring wells at the Cobblestone Subdivision in locations approved by the District. As it turned out, the wells were already in the ground prior to the hearing. Alan has talked with the developer, but has not obtained an agreement to access the wells. Steve White suggested working with the Commission to obtain access to monitoring wells during the subdivision approval process.

Tim Ford asked about the potential for installing a monitoring well in the Triple Tree area. Alan stated he had not found a site yet but had been looking in that area.

Sherwin was asked if Alan had looked into the Anderson School area. Alan thought this was a good idea for the next batch of monitoring wells. The Board noted that South of Manhattan is a logical place, as well.

#### **V. PILOT POST-AUDIT OF APPROVED SUBDIVISIONS**

Alan requested this agenda item be postponed until the next meeting since he had not had time to complete a review. He noted that he started on an audit of the Old Place Subdivisions, and thought he could finish by the next Board meeting.

#### **VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Tammy gave the Board members a handout regarding the water bills involved in this Legislative session. She reviewed the information with the Board. It was noted that the Board members would like to get our perspective on the water bills that may get passed. Sherwin suggested summarizing the bills and giving our opinions for the next Board meeting.

#### **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Sherwin spoke briefly about Alan's evaluation. He noted it had been completed and turned into the Human Resources office.

#### **VIII. AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING**

Legislative Update

Pilot post-audit of approved subdivisions

Storm water

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sherwin Leep, Chair

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Date

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Steve White, Secretary

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Date

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Alan English, District Manager

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Date